



## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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#### **LOCAL ENTITIES RECEIVE GRANTS FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

United States Attorney John L. Brownlee announced today that the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), has recently awarded several grants to local entities throughout the Western District of Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia:

- **Grantee:** **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Richmond**  
**Awarding Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance  
**Program:** Fiscal Year 2005 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT)  
**Purpose/Goal:** To improve public safety by reducing recidivism among substance abusing offenders completing RSAT programs. (These funds will be used to support RSAT Intensive Programs; RSAT Jail Programs; and, the DCJS Administrative services)  
**Amount:** \$ 814,599
  
- **Grantee:** **County of Bedford**  
**Awarding Agency:** Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
**Program:** Fiscal Year 2005 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Continuations  
**Purpose/Goal:** To conduct reactive and proactive ICAC investigations; develop a prevention education program; establish a case management system; develop standardized protocol for interagency referrals; and increase forensic and investigative capacity through the acquisition of specialized training and equipment.  
**Amount:** \$450,000

- **Grantee:** **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Richmond**  
**Awarding Agency:** Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
**Program:** Fiscal Year 2005 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program  
**Purpose/Goal:** Reduce juvenile offending through accountability-based initiatives focused on both the offender and the juvenile justice system.  
**Amount:** \$994,400
- **Grantee:** **Virginia Alcoholic and Beverage Control**  
**Awarding Agency:** Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
**Program:** Fiscal Year 2005 Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Block Grant Program  
**Purpose/Goal:** To support and enhance State efforts, in cooperation with local jurisdictions, to enforce laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors.  
**Amount:** \$350,000
- **Grantee:** **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Richmond**  
**Awarding Agency:** Office for Victims of Crime  
**Program:** Fiscal Year 2005 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance  
**Purpose/Goal:** To enhance crime victims services in the State  
**Amount:** \$9,154,000
- **Grantee:** **Virginia Crime Victims Compensation**  
**Awarding Agency:** Office for Victims of Crime  
**Program:** Fiscal Year 2005 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Compensation  
**Purpose/Goal:** To enhance State victim compensation payments to eligible crime victims.  
**Amount:** \$1,369,000
- **Grantee:** **Virginia Department of State Police**  
**Awarding Agency:** Bureau of Justice Statistics  
**Program:** 2005 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)  
**Purpose/Goal:** To improve the Nation's safety and security by enhancing the quality, completeness, and accessibility of criminal history record information and by insuring the nationwide implementation of criminal justice and non-criminal justice background check systems.  
**Amount:** \$1,404,263
- **Grantee:** **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Richmond**  
**Awarding Agency:** Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
**Program:** Fiscal Year 2005 Title V Incentive Grants  
**Purpose/Goal:** To support delinquency prevention programs and activities for youth who are likely to have contact with the juvenile justice system or who have had contact with the juvenile justice system.  
**Amount:** \$336,000

- **Grantee:** **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Richmond**  
 Awarding Agency: Office on Violence Against Women  
 Program: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program  
 Purpose/Goal: To encourage the development and implementation of effective, victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.  
 Amount: \$2,736,000
- **Grantee:** **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Richmond**  
 Awarding Agency: Office of Juvenile Justice and Prevention  
 Program: Fiscal Year 2005 Title II  
 Purpose/Goal: To support State and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements.  
 Amount: \$1,454,000
- **Grantee:** **City of Charlottesville**  
 Awarding Agency: Community Capacity Development Office  
 Program: Fiscal Year 2004 Weed and Seed Program Guide & Application Kit  
 Purpose/Goal: Reducing open air drug activity and gun-related violence.  
 Amount: \$175,000
- **Grantee:** **Charlottesville Weed and Seed Network**  
 Awarding Agency: Community Capacity Development Office  
 Program: Weed and Seed Program Support Grants  
 Purpose/Goal: To support Weed and Seed activities, including community policing.  
 Amount: \$100,000
- **Grantee:** **Wise County**  
 Awarding Agency: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
 Program: Fiscal Year 2005 Earmarks - Demonstration Programs Division  
 Project: The Wise County Lonesome Pine Office on Youth will develop and implement delinquency prevention and youth development programs for the youth of Wise County.  
 Amount: \$73,998

- **Grantee:** **County of Bedford**  
Awarding Agency: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
Program: Fiscal Year 2005 Earmarks - Demonstration Programs Division  
Project: The mission of Operation Blue Ridge Thunder is to protect children from predators by establishing and facilitating a collaborative effort of enforcement and education throughout Virginia.  
Amount: \$197,329
- **Grantee:** **Appomattox County**  
Awarding Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance  
Program: Fiscal Year 2005 BJA Congressionally Mandated Awards  
Purpose/Goal: To purchase a self-contained video unit for placement on an informant, and, secure an outdoor self-contained video unit for surveillance and evidence gathering purposes.  
Amount: \$5,000
- **Grantee:** **Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society Incorporated**  
Awarding Agency: Office on Violence Against Women  
Program: Fiscal Year 2005 Legal Assistance for Victims  
Purpose/Goal: To provide legal services to low income women who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or staling in Southwest Virginia.  
Amount: \$649,957
- **Grantee:** **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2 grants)**  
Awarding Agency: National Institute of Justice  
Program: NIJ - Communications Technology  
Purpose/Goal: (1) To develop an all-band/all-mode mobile radio optimized for public safety applications.  
(2) To develop a software cognitive engine for public safety applications that will turn any frequency and modulation capable software defined radio into a public safety cognitive radio.  
Amount: (1) \$399,816; (2) \$419,995
- **Grantee:** **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Richmond**  
Awarding Agency: Bureau of Justice Statistics  
Program: 2005 State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers  
Purpose/Goal: To continue collection and reporting of statewide deaths in custody data; and to conduct research using incident based reporting data.  
Amount: \$50,000

**The Fiscal Year 2005 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program recipients (awarded from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, OJP, US DOJ):**

*(The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. Grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice for any one or more of the following purpose areas: (1) law enforcement programs; (2) prosecution and court programs; (3) prevention and education programs; (4) corrections and community corrections programs; (5) drug treatment programs; and (6) planning, evaluations, and technology improvement programs.)*

- **Grantee:** **City of Martinsville**  
**Purpose/Goal:** To train and equip officers with tasers and to upgrade the radio communication system.  
**Amount:** \$14,856
- **Grantee:** **County of Pittsylvania**  
**Purpose/Goal:** To provide overtime hours to the Sheriff's Office to support the Career Drug Offender Unit.  
**Amount:** \$14,793
- **Grantee:** **City of Waynesboro**  
**Purpose/Goal:** To purchase air tasers and firearms equipment  
**Amount:** \$22,000
- **Grantee:** **City of Charlottesville**  
**Purpose/Goal:** To purchase law enforcement equipment  
**Amount:** \$76,746
- **Grantee:** **City of Lynchburg**  
**Purpose/Goal:** To purchase in-car digital video systems for its marked police vehicles.  
**Amount:** \$56,833
- **Grantee:** **Tazewell County**  
**Purpose/Goal:** To hire a part-time case manager at 32 hours a week to assist with those cases involving drug court, community corrections, and pre-trial services; secure a Narcotics Detection Canine along with the training, equipment, kennel, and components necessary to outfit the patrol vehicle for the canine; and, purchase equipment for the Sheriff's Narcotics Unit.  
**Amount:** \$42,798
- **Grantee:** **Wise County**  
**Purpose/Goal:** To purchase hidden surveillance cameras. These cameras will be used as a deterrent for offenses in high crime areas as well as assist in the prosecution of offenders.  
**Amount:** \$12,391
- **Grantee:** **County of Henry**

- Purpose/Goal: To support the National Night Out Crime Prevention Program; and, provide overtime pay for law enforcement to work in high crime and drug trafficking areas in the county.
- Amount: \$39,448
- **Grantee:** **County of Roanoke**

Purpose/Goal: To train officers in forensic examinations and for overtime pay to perform the forensic examinations; support Crisis Intervention Team training for officers; and, increase patrols, bike patrols, and surveillance to target the areas that are problems in the community.

Amount: \$35,022
  - **Grantee:** **County of Buchanan**

Purpose/Goal: To purchase publications and educational material to implement the Crime Prevention and National Night Out Workshops for both children and adults in the county.

Amount: \$10,178
  - **Grantee:** **City of Danville**

Purpose/Goal: To upgrade its imaging software and hardware system in conjunction with its implementation of a Wireless Communications and Video Monitoring System.

Amount: \$54,051
  - **Grantee:** **Bedford County**

Purpose/Goal: To purchase 10 Mobile Data Units for use in patrol cars. These units will enable road deputies to enter and print Virginia Uniform Summons directly from their vehicles.

Amount: \$10,873
  - **Grantee:** **Augusta County**

Purpose/Goal: To purchase computer equipment and support training for law enforcement to perform undercover on-line investigations.

Amount: \$14,034
  - **Grantee:** **Campbell County**

Purpose/Goal: To create a child physical and/or sexual abuse interview room

Amount: \$13,086
  - **Grantee:** **Montgomery County/ Town of Blacksburg**

Purpose/Goal: Montgomery County: To purchase equipment to enhance their homeland security and crime prevention efforts. Town of Blacksburg: To add an additional component, a Datacard, to their access control system.

Amount: \$12,960
  - **Grantee:** **Albemarle County**

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| Purpose/Goal: | To support overtime activities for community policing projects. |
| Amount:       | \$26,235  |
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| • <b>Grantee:</b> | <b>City of Roanoke</b>   |
| Purpose/Goal:     | To continue providing enhanced neighborhood and need-based community policing via the Bicycle Program. |
| Amount:           | \$111,010  |
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| • <b>Grantee:</b> | <b>City of Bristol</b>   |
| Purpose/Goal:     | To assist in supporting the Post-Dispositional Program coordinator position. |
| Amount:           | \$13,149   |

For further details on any of the above-awarded grants, please contact the Office of Communications, OJP, (202) 307-0703.